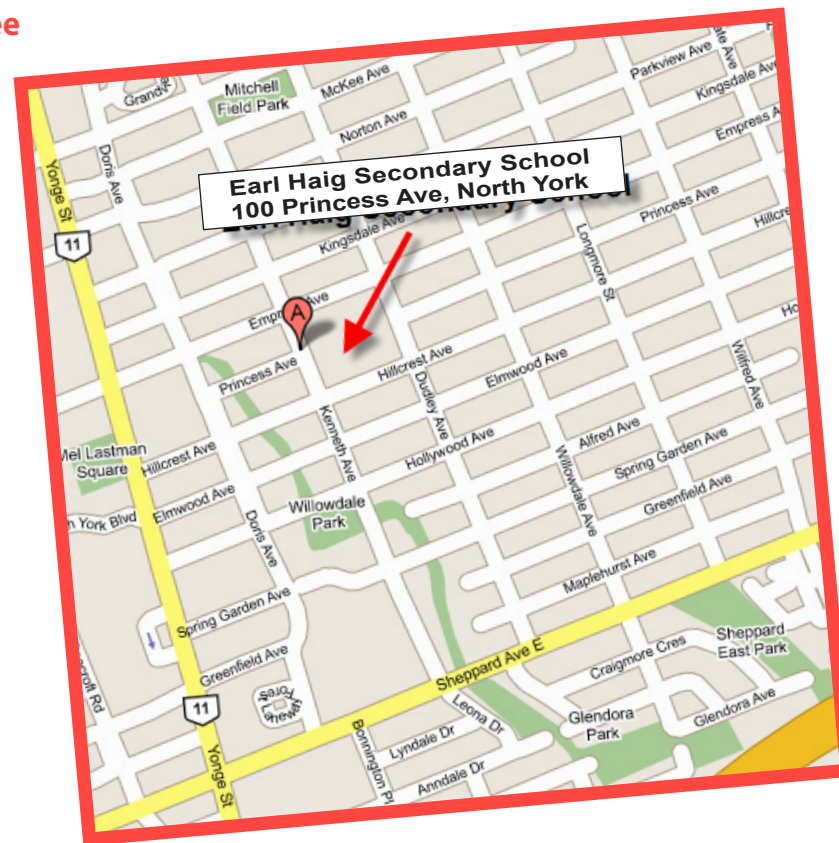


Organized by the 4th Annual Planning Committee

- Parent and Community Involvement Office (PCIO)
- Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC)

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4th Annual Parents Make a Difference Conference:

NAVIGATING THE SYSTEM

A **one-day** conference for TDSB parents
and school council members.



Getting to Earl Haig

Public transportation and car pooling is encouraged!

Parking: The school has limited parking. Parking will be permitted on side streets with the exception of prohibited parking zones.

TTC Directions: Take the University line to North York Centre. Exit to Mel Lastman Square/Yonge Street. Travel North on Yonge Street to Empress Ave, turn right on Princess Ave, and follow to Earl Haig Secondary School.

Saturday, November 13, 2010
9:00a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Earl Haig Secondary School
100 Princess Ave, Toronto, ON.

Register now at:
www.tdsb.on.ca/parents/parent_community
as spaces are limited!

*Child minding and interpretation
available through registration.*

School buses will be departing the following locations at 8:45 am and returning at 3:30 pm, pending registration. Check website for regular updates.

David and Mary Thompson – 2740 Lawrence Ave. East
Jarvis Collegiate Institute – 495 Jarvis Street
Elmbank Middle School - 10 Pittsboro Drive
Marc Garneau C.I. – 135 Overlea Blvd.
Jane and Finch Mall, Tim Horton's



Conference Schedule

Director's Parent Engagement Message

9:00 -9:40 am
Registration / Vendors

9:45 -10:00 am
Welcome / Greetings

10:00 -11:00 am
Directors Parent Engagement Message

11:15 -12:15 am
Rotation #1

- Carousels
- Workshops
- TDSB Parent Charter Conversation

12:20 pm
Refreshment Break / Vendors

12:50 pm
Rotation #2

- Carousel
- Workshops
- TDSB Parent Charter Conversation

2:00 pm
Rotation # 3

- Carousel
- Workshops
- TDSB Parent Charter Conversation

3:00 pm
Wrap –up

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Chris Spence
Director, TDSB



Thank you for your interest in the 4th Annual Parents Make a Difference Conference: Navigating the System. We want you there! Come and share in this productive and interactive day that brings together parents from throughout our TDSB communities. Learn about the TDSB and how you can become more involved in your child's education.

Parent and community engagement is one of the three priorities of our Vision of Hope. It is also an area of focus for me as the Director of Education. Parent involvement is extremely important for student success and is an essential part of an effective school. I believe that when schools and parents work together to support learning, children succeed not just in school but throughout life.

The conference is about you and the difference you can make in your child's educational experience. Our goal is to provide as much information about our school system as possible all in one place. This is your opportunity to attend workshops, explore the carousel of mini presentations and displays and attend a session to discuss the development of a parent charter. We want to have an open discussion and learn more about your wants and expectations.

Please join me on November 13 for the Annual Parent Involvement Conference – I look forward to seeing you there!



Workshops, Carousels and Parent Charter Dialogue

Choose from the following workshops when you register on-line at www.tdsb.on.ca/parents/parent_community. If you are unable to register on-line, call 416-394-2070. This conference is free but pre-registration is required. * Register early as spaces are limited.

This year we are trying a totally new conference structure! In response to your feedback we have added two new dimensions to the day. We will be offering workshops, a Carousel and a Parent Charter Dialogue.

So what is a Carousel? A Carousel is the rotation of a series of mini presentations & displays in one large space on an array of topics of interest to parents. Participants will be able to explore each at their leisure to gather information on navigating TDSB within a short period of time!

What is the Parent Charter Dialogue? TDSB is committed to developing a parent engagement charter. This dialogue will provide parents a forum to provide direct input into the charter development.

Workshops

Edu Babble

In the constantly evolving world of education, new trends appear – along with their own jargon. This workshop will help you understand the language of educators and what it all means for your child.

AM/PM

Barriers to Student Success

You've learned how to interpret a report card, talk to the teachers, and support your child with homework. But she/he can't reach their potential. Perhaps there are personal issues standing in their way. Anxiety, stress, depression, and eating issues are increasingly affecting our students. Learn how to identify these conditions and next steps.

AM/PM

Choose Wisely for the Future

What is "Choices" magazine? Every January, secondary students across the city make course selections for the next year. Learn how to understand "Choices". Then you will be better prepared to help your child set post-secondary goals, choosing the best courses to reach those objectives.

AM/PM

New Report Cards? Oh No!

New report cards will be rolled out this year. And you haven't figured out the old ones! This workshop will look at assessment and evaluation from kindergarten to high school; what the report should tell you; and, how to interpret the language.

AM/PM

Do Boys and Girls Really Learn Differently?

In the constantly evolving world of education, new trends appear – along with their own jargon. This workshop will help you understand the language of educators and what it all means for your child.

AM/PM

My child needs Special Education – Now What?

What is an IEP? An IPRC? How do I advocate for my child? I can't figure out the process. This workshop will help you understand the language, courses of action and your role in special ed.

AM/PM

School Council 101

This is our annual workshop looking at the basics for a successful school council. How do you hold elections? Do you need By-Laws and how do you write them? Who sits on council and what are their roles? This is a must-do seminar for any school trying to build a council.

AM/PM

Parent Engagement – It's More than School Council

Building successful partnerships between home and school involves more than a functioning school council. Learn ways to engage your parents as we strive to reach our common goal – student achievement.

AM/PM

Becoming a Successful Advocate for your Child

There are times in our children's education career when we must advocate for their best interests at school. But how do you do this productively? What information should you provide - and request? How can you prepare for meetings with teachers and principals? What makes a successful advocate?

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Carousels
Post Secondary Planning
TDSB Speciality Programs/ Futuristic Schools
Navigating TDSB
Employment and Language Training/TDSB Contracted Services
Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC)
School Council Fundraising/TDSB Business Services
Internet Safety
Accessing Adult Learning and ESL programs/TDSB Continuing Education
Settlement Education Partnership Toronto (SEPT)
Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)
Developing School Partnerships/TDSB Partnerships Office

Parent Charter Conversation

This session will entail a facilitated conversation with parents on the development of a Parent Charter for TDSB.

A Parent Charter is an agreement developed by parents and TDSB that outlines the boards' commitment and parents' expectations on parent engagement.

AM/PM

